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Title: DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING UNIT

of which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification, or

☐ the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and with amendments through _____, or

☒ the specification in International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014138, filed September 21, 2004, and as amended on February 2006 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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Japan	2003-329792	September 22, 2003	YES

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